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been appointed to consider the details of the scheme.

WE learn from *Nature* that the Association des Industriels de France contre les Accidents du Travail intends offering a prize of 8,000 francs for an international competition for a new galvanic battery or accumulator which, while having a large output for its size and weight, must not be dangerous in use. Inquiries should be addressed to the director of the society, rue de Lutèce, Paris, who will supply further particulars, and to whom competitors must send their descriptions and drawings.

THE London *Times* reports that at its plenary sitting at Brussels on September 11 the International Polar Exploration Congress voted unanimously for the formation of an international polar commission. The members of the commission are to hold office for six years. Corresponding members may be nominated among men of science and others who have in any way assisted polar exploration. The commission is to elect by vote a president, vice-president and secretary for a term of three years. The commission is forbidden to undertake any operations of a financial nature. Its primary aims are to bring about closer relations among polar explorers, to coordinate scientific observations and to assist polar enterprise, without, however, organizing expeditions on its own account.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

By the death of the sister of the late W. W. Guiteau, Cornell University will receive the legacy left by him, said to amount to between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

THE courts have handed down a decision by which the University of Rochester will receive the \$75,000 bequeathed to it by the late Lewis H. Morgan.

THE new building for the Atlanta College of Physicians and Surgeons has been erected at a cost of \$75,000.

IN connection with the celebrations of the fourth centenary of the University of Aberdeen, the new buildings, erected at a cost of \$1,250,000, were opened by King Edward.

AUGUSTUS TROWBRIDGE, Ph.D. (Berlin), professor of mathematical physics at the University of Wisconsin, has been called to Princeton University. We have already noted the call of Professor O. V. Richardson, of Cambridge University, to a chair of physics at Princeton; Dr. H. L. Cooke, also of Cambridge University, has been called to an assistant professorship of physics.

DR. C. D. CHILD, professor of physics at Colgate University, has been appointed to a similar chair in the School of Mining at Kingston, Ont.

DR. A. DUNCAN YOKUM has been appointed professor of pedagogy in the University of Pennsylvania, to succeed Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh, who has become superintendent of the Philadelphia public schools.

AT Brown University, Dr. Herbert E. Waters, of the University of Chicago, succeeds Dr. Leonard W. Williams as assistant professor of comparative anatomy.

MR. E. H. ARCHBOLD has been appointed associate professor of chemistry in Syracuse University.

AT Rochester University, Assistant Professor A. S. Gale has been promoted to a professorship of mathematics and Mr. Howard D. Minchin to an assistant professorship of physics.

MISS MABEL CHASE has been promoted to be an associate professor of physics at Mount Holyoke College, and Miss Eleanor C. Doak has been appointed associate professor of mathematics.

DR. MARION M. HULL has been elected professor of materia medica and therapeutics at the Atlanta School of Medicine, in succession to the late Dr. Charles D. Hurt.

MR. JAMES MUIR, M.A., B.Sc., assistant to the professor of natural philosophy in Glasgow University, has been appointed to the chair of natural philosophy in the Glasgow and West of Scotland Technical College.

DR. WILHELM WIEN, professor of physics at Würzburg, will succeed to the chair occupied by the late Professor O. Drude.